(a) whether it is a fact that Tohara Railway Station under North-East Railway is an important business Centre of grains, clothes etc;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is no godown on broad gauge line;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to construct a godown at above Railway Station; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) No railway station by name 'Tohara' is existing on North-Eastern Railway. However, a station named 'Teghra' is located on Barauni-Muzaffarpur BG section of Sonepur Division on North Eastern Railway where goods booking facility is neither presently provided nor is intended to be provided in the near future. Barauni railway station which is only 8 kms. away from Teghra railway station, is open for goods traffic and traders/people of the area can avail the services of this station for booking their consignments.

[English]

Survey for Kottayam-Dindigul Rail Line

2092. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which survey had been conducted on Kottayam-Dindigul railway line;

(b) the total amount spent on the survey; and

(c) the time by which construction work is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The survey is still in progress.

(b) Rs. 15.70 lakhs.

(c) Does not arise.

Hindustan Zinc Limited

2093. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of Hindustan Zinc Limited; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The performance of Hindustan Zinc Limited is reviewed by the Ministry of Mines regularly. Further, regular monitoring of the physical, financial and marketing performance of the Company is done by the Ministry and whenever required suitable advice is rendered to the Company to improve the performance. The Ministry also renders assistance to the Company to overcome various problems by way of coordination and consultation with other authorities concerned.

As a result of the measures indicated above, the overall performance of Hindustan Zinc Limited has remained satisfactory and the Company is making profits despite unfavourable market conditions. The overall "rating" of the Company in terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), entered into by the Company with the Government for the year 1995-96, was "Very Good".

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Orissa

2094. SHRI ANCHAL DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in Orissa till date, district-wise; and

(b) the number of manual exchanges converted into electronic exchanges during 1995-96 and 1996-97, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) As on 28th Feb. 97 there are 719 Nos. of electronic exchanges functioning in the State. The district-wise details are furnished in the statement attached.

(b) Nil.

Statement

ORISSA TELECOM CIRCLE

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Orissa As on 28.2.97

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Electronic Exchanges
1	2	3
1.	Balasore	31
2.	Bhadrak	20
3.	Mayurbhanj	34
4.	Ganjam	71
5.	Gajapati	16
6.	Phulbani	21
7.	Boudh	10
8.	Khurda	44
9.	Nayagarh	15
10.	Puri	27
11.	Bolangir	22
12.	Sonepur	8
13.	Kalahandi	16
14.	Nuapada	8
15.	Cuttack	39
16.	Jagatsinghpur	28
17.	Kendrapara	19
18.	Jajpur	29